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1. Reports received during the period from 1 September to 1 October 1952 revealed no changes in the general OB in Eastern Germany.

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2. The following units in Eastern Germany, permanent location
were confirmed between 1 September and 1 October 1952

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a. BHQ Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

Hq IV Arty Corps	RATHENOW	13 June	25X1
Hq 6th Arty Div	RATHENOW	1 August	
10th How Arty Brig (US)	RATHENOW	22 July	
821st Arty Bn Bn	RATHENOW	15 September	
30th Gds Gun Arty Brig	POTSDAM	19 August	
118th Gun Arty Brig (US)	POTSDAM	1 September	
4th AT Arty Brig (US)	RUGGEN area	8 September	

b. Eighth Guards Army.

Army Aq	LEIPZIG	13 June	
1173d AAA Regt	WEIDEN	19 June	
43d (Gds) Army Arty Brig	ALTENBURG	8 September	
316th RL Regt (US)	SAALFELD	6 September	
117th Gds Ptz Rifle Regt	MEININGEN	19 September	
87th Gun Arty Regt	PLAUE	19 September	
15th Gds Tank SP Regt	ORLAMUND	19 September	
Hq 20th Gds Mezz Div	JENA	9 September	
65th Gds Mezz Regt	AMER	31 July	
68th Gds Pv Tank SP Regt (US)	JENA	14 September	
24th Gds RL Bn (US)	JENA	30 August	
1st Arty Brig of the XXIX Ris Ptz Rifle Corps	HERSCHEID	30 August	
94th RL Regt (US)	LEIPZIG	4 September	
Hq 57th Ris Ptz Rifle Div	HAUTEBURG	11 September	
17th Gds Tank SP Regt	WEISSENFELS	27 September	
Hq 21st Gds Mezz Div	HALLE	9 September	
68th Gds Mezz Regt	HALLE	6 September	
70th Gds Mezz Regt	HALLE	28 September	
54th Gds How Arty Regt	HALLE	6 September	
25th Gds RL Bn (US)	HALLE	1 September	

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c. Third Shock Army

15th Gds Engr Bn
 890th Engr Bn
 An Arty Prig of the LXXIX
 Rtz Rifle Corps
 338th Engr Bn (US)
 HQ IX Rtz Rifle Corps
 74th (Lv?) Tank SP Regt
 HQ 18th Ncz Div
 592d Mort Regt (US)

d. First Guards Mechanized Arm

263d AAA Regt
 20th Gds Ncz Regt
 1st Gds Tank Regt
 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 265th Gds Mort Regt
 358th Gds AAA Regt
 133d Gds Engr Bn
 HQ 9th Tank Div
 23d Tank Regt
 95th Tank Regt
 70th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt
 8th Rtz Rifle Regt
 HQ 11th Gds Tank Div
 44th Gds Tank Regt
 7th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt

e. Second Guards Mechanized Ar

Army HQ
 1st or 113th Pon Bridge Bn
 100th Field Hospital
 HQ 9th Gds Tank Div
 33d Gds Rtz Rifle Regt

BARBY 16 June 25X1

GARNEREN 7 May

ROSTOCK 15 September

TANGERMUNDE 13 August

SCULZIN September

SCHLEMM 12 September

PEPLINBERG 12 August

LUDWIGSLUST 26 August

KORNIGERURCK 11 July

LURZEN 1 June

PORMA 19 July

LEISITIG 19 July

LURZEN 28 June

LEISITIG 27 May

GRIMTA 23 July

RINSA 12 September

OSCHATE 29 June

REISSEN 9 May

RINSA 27 August

OSCHATE 19 July

KLOTZSCHE 20 July

BAUTZEN (?) 25 July

DRESDEN 12 September

FUMSTENBERG 4 September

INGEBRANDENBURG 13 September

GUNZTRON 1 September

HEUDERLITZ 6 September

HJUDERLITZ 23 September

Hq 12th Gds Tank Div
43th Gds Tank Regt
49th Gds Tank Regt
66th Gds Tank Regt
71st Gds Av Tank SP Regt
226th Mort Regt
An AM Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div
87th (?) Rec Bn
59th Tank Eng Bn (US)
Hq 1st Mecz Div
72d Gds Av Tank SP Regt

f. Third Guards Mechanized Army.

Hq 129th Light Arty Brig
Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div
49th Gds Mecz Regt
10th Tank Regt
497th Mort Regt
146th Engr Bn (US)
24th Tank Eng Bn (US)
Hq 6th Gds Tank Div
52d Gds Tank Regt
Hq 9th Mecz Div
70th Mecz Regt
71st Mecz Regt

g. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

Hq of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig
A Regt of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig
Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div
35th Gds Mecz Regt
22d Gds Av Tank SP Regt
34th Tank Eng Bn

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MEURUPPIN 19 September
MEURUPPIN 12 September
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MEURUPPIN 17 August
DOMMERITZ 24 September
DOMMERITZ 18 March

JUETERBOG 27 August
JUETERBOG 8 September
JUETERBOG 8 September
JUETERBOG 8 September
JUETERBOG 6 May
JUETERBOG 1 September
JUNTCODOG 9 September
WITTENBERG 27 August
WITTENBERG June
COTTBUS 21 August
COTTBUS 21 July
COTTBUS 21 July

BERNAU 12 September
BERNAU 15 September
BERNAU 5 September
BERNAU 25 August
BERNAU 29 August
BERNAU 19 August

Hq 7th Gds Necz Div
 Hq 25th Tank Div
 A Tank Tng Bn of the
 25th Tank Div
 Hq 10th Gds Tank Div
 29th Gds Ktz Rifle Regt

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 BURNSTEIN/ALDE 29 August
 ORANIEBURG 8 September
 ORANIEBURG 19 August
 KRANPNITZ 25 September
 KRANPNITZ 29 July

Change of Quarters.

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a. The Ludendorff Kaserne in POTOSI, which was vacated by components of the 2d Gds AAA Div in early July 1952, was occupied by an advance party of the 34th Arty Div (US) from the Delius Kaserne in mid-August 1952. It is expected that elements of this division will occupy the kaserne upon completion of the summer training in October 1952.

b. The former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in LUCKENWALDE was vacated by the 91st Gds IL Regt of the Third Gds Necz Army at the end of August and the beginning of September. The regiment moved into Stalags I and II. The Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik has presumably been occupied by a training unit of the Third Gds Necz Army. Elements of the unit are quartered in requisitioned houses on Am Schieferling.

c. [] the unit in the barracks installation in PELLA-TINZ which has been stationed there since the winter of 1951/1952 and, possibly, is an artillery training unit of the Eighth Gds Army, was allegedly transferred to JELLINE.

d. The barracks installation in BAUTZEN was vacated by the rear details of the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div in mid-August and the quarters were placed at the disposal of a VP regiment (air force). The new location of the 44th Gds Tank Regt has not yet been determined.

e. The former DAF (Deutsche Arbeitsfront) (German Labor Front) building and the Pusserkrug in SCHWERIN have been reoccupied since the beginning of August 1952 by personnel of the 94th Gds Ktz Rifle Div who are to be trained so that the German personnel hitherto employed in barracks installations can be dismissed.

f. The transfer of the two AT artillery brigades of the Second and Fourth Gds Necz Armies [] was made in mid-September 1952. The 2d Light Arty Brig (US) of the Second Gds Necz Army moved from the restricted eisse Stadt settlement, ORANIEBURG, to the Olympisches Dorf, DORBERITZ. The 11th Gds AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Necz Army started moving from Olympisches Dorf to the former German Army clothing depot I, B BERAU, in the middle of September. The Soviet main clothing depot of the GFG, [] previously stationed in BERNAU, was transferred to HAUPTFURT/Oder.

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[] the Soviets plan to again transfer the Hq GFG with its offices. The last move of the Hq GFG took place in the beginning of June 1952 when it was transferred from POTOSI to []. It may have been planned

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from the beginning to use the barracks installations in the JUHNSDORF-ZOSSAU area only as intermediate quarters for the Hq GONG, which undoubtedly moved with haste in June 1952. There is a possibility that the underground installations near JUHNSDORF-KALKURGE, where several large barracks installations are under construction, as well as those near TALMUTHAUSN may be used as quarters for a high-echelon headquarters. Both installations are connected directly with the BERLIN-MOSCOW long-distance telephone line.

Training and Field Exercises.

5. Division Training.

Prior to the middle of September 1952, there were no changes in the occupation of the old troop training grounds. The occupation has remained constant since May 1952. Prior to mid-September, training largely included field exercises at battalion and regimental level as well as exercises with mixed combat teams. Major troop contingents moved from the troop training grounds of TIEPLIN, LITTESTOCK and LETZLING BEATH to maneuvers in the LETZLING BEATH-BARTHENOW area during the second half of September, while other components, at these and other troop training grounds, completed their summer training and returned to their military posts during that period. Specifically, the following information on training activity and movements is available:

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KINDWL: No change in the occupation of the troop training grounds until mid-September. The following units were confirmed: the majority of the 57th Gds Ntz Rifle Div in Camp KINDEL south of Highway No 04 with elements in a small hutment at Kuenkelhof, northeast of GROSSER LUPHITZ; and corps troops of the XXIX Gds Ntz Rifle Corps, including the corps artillery brigade from IMMEBURG and the 94th PL Regt (US) from LEIPZIG-SCHONHAU, in Camp Haina-Holz west of HAINA. Elements of the regiment practiced firing at ALTFERBACH from 4 to 9 September. Components of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Ntz Rifle Div moved to LETZLING BEATH on 27 September. In 1951, Camp Haina-Holz was occupied by the 21st Gds Nocz Div from HALLE. [redacted]

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[redacted] the 57th Gds Ntz Rifle Div would return to IMMEBURG on 18 October 1952.

OERDRUF: In mid-September, the barracks installations at OERDRUF were still occupied by the majority of the 39th Gds Ntz Rifle Div, the wood camp northwest of OERDRUF by the majority of the 20th Gds Nocz Div and Camp PETERRODA by corps troops of the XXVIII Gds Ntz Rifle Corps. Components of the 25th PL Bn (US) of the 20th Gds Nocz Div practiced firing at ALTFERBACH from 30 August to 9 September and components of the 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Ntz Rifle Corps from 6 to 10 September.

[redacted] until their departure to HEININGEN on 31 August, major components of the 117th Gds Ntz Rifle Regt must have been at the training grounds as elements of the 87th Gun Arty Regt from PLAUNN were there from about 15 September until 19 September. Units of the 21st Gds Nocz Div from the LOSSA troop training grounds had also been at OERDRUF during the same period and, elements of the 39th Gds Ntz Rifle Div from the OERDRUF troop training grounds were at LOSSA. A large-scale

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tank exercise involving several regiments [redacted] SC LAMMUSSEN-OERDRUF road on 17 September. About 1 October, elements of the 36th (?) Tank Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Nocz Div returned to BEITE and elements of the artillery brigade of the corps returned to PFA.

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LOCSA: The majority of the 21st Rds Kocz Div from HALLE was [redacted] at LOCZA at the beginning of September. Elements of the 25th RL Bn (US) were at ALTENGRAU from 30 August until 6 September. Other components of the division held short-term exercises at OBERHOF during the first half of September.

BAD KOESSEN: The quarters at the training site have continuously been occupied by engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army until the end of September. [redacted] the units departed toward MUEBURG on 29 September, presumably to participate in further exercises.

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LITZLING**HEATH:**

No changes in the distribution on the individual quarters of the units stationed there since May 1952 [redacted] during September. However, it is reasonable to assume that numerous tank firing details of all armies except for the First and Fourth Gds Kocz Armies, were in the southern sector of LITZLING HEATH in September as was the case in the spring. * The following movements from the troop training grounds were made after 20 September:

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- a. Departure to LOCZAU and, possibly, for field exercises on the Elbe River north of MAGDEBURG, of components of the 7th Gds Tank Div.
- b. Departure of elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div for field exercises of the Fourth Gds Kocz Army in the ENTENAU-MENDELHAUSEN area and direct return to KAPNITZ and BANDENBURG of other units.
- c. Return of elements of the 136th Gds Av Tank SP Regt to BURG.
- d. Elements of the 207th Ktz Rifle Div concentrated in the northern sector of LITZLING HEATH possibly departed to participate in Third Shock Army exercises in the area east of LITZLING HEATH. Components of the 19th Gds Kocz Div from Camp BORN may also have departed for the same reason, however, the camp appeared to be still occupied on 2 October.

Starting about 20 September, the Third Shock Army conducted large-scale fall maneuvers in some sections of LITZLING HEATH and in the area adjoining to the east as far as the Elbe River. For details, see paragraph 11 c.

WITTSTOCK:

Units of the 18th Kocz Div which had been assembled there during the summer months started departing for the Third Shock Army maneuver area of LITZLING HEATH - ENTENAU and farther to the south by rail and road about 19 September. Other units arrived in PREDLITZAU between 23 and 30 September, probably coming directly from the troop training grounds. The 318th Engr Bn which was in WITTSTOCK during the summer months returned to WITTSTOCK in mid-August.

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BITTKAU:

During the first half of September, the camp of the engineer training site was gradually vacated by units of the Third Shock Army.

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KÖNIGS-
BRUNCK:

Prior to mid-September, the summer quarters along the SCHLEPPEN-
MITZ-Zwickau road were still occupied as was observed
previously. Components of the 25th MI Brig of the IV Arty
Corps from PLEINITZ were at the troop training grounds from
9 to 20 August. A large-scale field exercise involving all
units there was held north of KOMMENAU from 6 to 8 Sep-
tember. The first advance parties left the troop training
grounds for DRNOLD, LEISNIG and UHLZEN as early as mid-Sep-
tember, while, at the same time, elements of the 4th Gds AAA
Div allegedly transferred to the CHEMNITZ-Zwickau area. Ele-
ments of the 11th Gds Tank Div were unloaded in MELSEN
During the period from 19 to 22 September and allegedly
marched to the Bohnitzsch Kaserne. Possibly, they were ele-
ments of the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the division, whose trans-
fer from KALINZ to WEISSEN

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however, that exercises were conducted in the CHOCOONAH area after 20 September.

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the period between the end of September and mid-October is to be the time for the completion of the summer training, and the final departure of units to their military posts.

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ZETTMAYR:

The components of the 9th Tank Div that moved to ELSITAIN in May 1952 were probably still there in September

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JUBITERBOG

Units of the 6th Eds Tank div stationed in the northern section of Camp MERDER-IMMENHOF returned to their permanent quarters in JUETENBOG-OTTER LAKER during the first half of September. However, the bulk of the division was still in the camp at the end of September. During September as well as during the preceding months, the JUETENBOG troop training ground was used for firing practice with live ammunition by artillery and MA units of various armies. The following units were confirmed:

a. From late August

to early September: AAA and artillery units of the 9th Kacz Div from WIBS, KASS, R.; AAA units of the 6th Gds Kacz Div from TWPLITZ; artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from NEURUPPIN; and air force AAA units from FINOW, WIRNEUCHEN, and FINSTE ALDDE.

b. From 24 to 27
September:

Elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) from Doeberitz and the 90th IL Regt (US) from SCHONLAU.

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From late August until about 10 September, [redacted]
the six armies and four corps were assembled in Satala I.
LIUKE & JAHN [redacted]

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vehicles were turned in at the signal repair shop of the GCFG for the installation of new equipment and/or repair. Major components of the 14th Gds Mech Div from JTF HQ GOG conducted a field exercise in the area southeast of the post from 16 to 19 September. Mr force units participated.

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KÖNIGS-
BRÜCK:

Prior to mid-September, the summer quarters along the SCHLEPP-
NETZ-SCHEMKAU road were still occupied as was observed
previously. Components of the 25th IL Brig of the IV Arty
Corps from PLÜSCHITZ were at the troop training grounds from
9 to 20 August. A large-scale field exercise involving all
units there was held north of KÖNIGSBRÜCK from 6 to 8 Sep-
tember. The first advance parties left the troop training
grounds for DRÖSLWITZ, LEISNIG and WILZEN as early as mid-Sep-
tember, while, at the same time, elements of the 4th Gds AAA
Div allegedly transferred to the CHEMNITZ-ZICKAU area. Ele-
ments of the 11th Gds Tank Div were unloaded in MÖLLEN
during the period from 19 to 22 September and allegedly
marched to the Bohnitzsch Kaserne. Possibly, they were ele-
ments of the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the division, whose trans-
fer from KAIFENZ to WEISSEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that exercises were con-
ducted in the GROßGÖTTENBACH area after 20 September. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the period between the end of September
and mid-October is to be the time for the completion of the
summer training and the final departure of units to their
military posts.

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ZEITMAIN:

The components of the 9th Tank Div that moved to ZEITMAIN in
May 1952 were probably still there in September [REDACTED]

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JÜTERBOG
area:

Units of the 6th Gds Tank Div stationed in the northern section
of Camp WERDER-BARKENHOF returned to their permanent quarters
in JÜTERBOG-ALTSIEDLUNG during the first half of September.
However, the bulk of the division was still in the camp at the
end of September. During September as well as during the
preceding months, the JÜTERBOG troop training ground was
used for firing practice with live ammunition by artillery and
AA units of various armies. The following units were con-
firmed:

a. From late August

to early September: AA and artillery units of the 9th Nacz
Div from WEINRACH; AA units of the
6th Gds Nacz Div from THALLEN; artillery
units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from NEU-
RUPPIN; and air force AA units from
PINNOW, WERNERKIRCHEN, and PISTORIUS.

b. From 24 to 27

September: Elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US)
from Doeberitz and the 90th IL Regt
(US) from SCHÖNHALDE.

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From late August until about 10 September, [REDACTED]
the six armies and four corps were assembled in Stalag I,
LUCKA-MÜLLE.

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[REDACTED] vehicles were used at
signal repair shop of the GOFG for the installation of new
equipment and/or repair. Major components of the 11th Gds
Nacz Div from JÜTERBOG conducted a field exercise in the
area southeast of the post from 16 to 19 September. Air
force units participated.

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MISS. ASKER: The bulk of the 9th Ncz Div was still confirmed at the troop training grounds at the end of September. [redacted]

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[redacted] the division was to move but on 5 October for a maneuver which would last 8 to 10 days. Subsequently, the troops would return to their military posts.

TEPLIN:

There were no changes in the occupation of the troop training grounds until the middle of September. Prior to that date, only local exercises were conducted. These exercises included bridge construction on Fauler Lake and near KAISERNBURG by engineer units as well as tank practices at battalion strength in which engineer troops equipped with flame throwers participated. Units of the 6th Gds Ncz Div and army troops of the Fourth Gds Ncz Army started departing to their WERNIGSWALDE, BERNHAU and BAD FISCHAU posts about 17 September. Other units also departed simultaneously for practices in the area of RATHENOW and farther to the east. See also paragraph 11 b. It is expected that the 25th Tank Div will return about 15 October, but it is possible that, as was previously suggested, individual elements of the division may remain at TEPLIN.

LIMBEROSE:

The units of the 7th Gds Ncz Div from FRANKURT/Oder will [redacted] return to their post during early October. No information regarding a participation in fall maneuvers has been received.

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6. In August and September, the three divisions and army troops subordinate to the Second Gds Ncz Army again conducted field exercises separately from the units of the other armies. [redacted]

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From 8 to 11 August: Tank exercises in the area of KUTTENIG north of TEPLIN, by major tank, engineer and motorcycle units of the 9th Gds Tank Div.

From 16 to 18 September:

Exercises with air force support of many units of the 1st Ncz Div and the 12th Gds Tank Div in the area of the DOEDERLITZ troop training grounds.

From 16 to 19 September:

A large-scale exercise of elements of all divisions including army engineer troops from NEULANDENBURG and elements of the IV Arty Corps and air force in the area north of LAMMENOW. The Havel River was crossed near ALBERTSTEIN.

From 23 to 26 September:

A combat group of the 9th Gds Tank Div engaged in exercises in the RIMMERSBERG-MIROW area.

From 24 to 27 September:

Elements of the 26 Light Arty Brig (US) from DOEDERLITZ and of the 90th RL Regt (US) from SOEST-ALDEN practiced firing with live ammunition at JUNGFELD.

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Special Exercises.7. Artillery.

Prior to about 18 September, the ALTEGRAUEN troop training grounds was still occupied by the bulk of the brigades of the IV Arty Corps and the two army artillery brigades of the Eighth Gds Army and the Third Shock Army. Major elements of the IV Arty Corps departed on 18 and 19 September to participate in large-scale exercises of the Fourth Gds Necz Army in the RATHENOW area and of the Third Shock Army in the LUTZLICH area. The ALTEGRAUEN quarters were only lightly occupied after the departure of these troops. In addition to the above mentioned units, elements of the following units practiced firing at ALTEGRAUEN during the period from mid-August until mid-September: Components of the 31st AA Div of the Second Gds Necz Army which were shipped to BORTZOW on 27 and 28 August; components of the 24th and 25th RL Dns (US) of the 20th and 21st Gds Necz Divs and elements of the 316th and 914th RL Regts (US) of the XXVIII and XXIX Gds Rtz Rifle Corps from 30 August to 10 September.

8. AA Units.

the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps from DREIGEN and of the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army from SAGENBURG were shipped to the JUSTROW firing range during the period from 3 August to 20 September. The following units left the firing range during the same period:

AAA units of the 18th Necz Div for the JETTSTOCK troop training grounds.

An air force AAA unit for PUERTHNE airfield.

Components of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps for BRIGEN.

Unidentified AAA units of the Second Gds Necz Army for FUNKSTENBERG.

Components of the 63d AAA Div (US) of the Fourth Gds Necz Army for EBERSWALDE and FUNKSTENBERG.

Components of the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army for WEILAR.

Components of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) of the IV Arty Corps for CHEMNITZ.

Components of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the IV Arty Corps for RICHAUTN-KLAUSDORF.

Components of the 4th Gds AAA Div of the first Gds Necz Army for KOMMIGSBUECK.

Components of the 31st AAA Div of the Second Gds Necz Army for SCHERWALDE.

Components of the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army for MAGDEBURG.

AA unit of the 24th Gds Rtz Rifle Div and/or of the IX Rtz Rifle Corps for SCHWINK.

additional shipments were to be dispatched from ALTEGRAUEN railroad station after 20 September and that the firing range was to be vacated by 1 October. The range is to remain unoccupied until 1953.

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9. Engineer Troops.

On 15 September, elements of the 35th Engr Rgt (US) of the Third Gds Ncz Army were shipped from SPANDENBERG to BITTKAU while other elements were shipped to the BITTKAU training site via the TANGER-MUELTE railroad station. For details on exercises of these units in the BITTKAU area, see paragraph 11a.

10. RUEGEN Island.

Elements of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps from RUEGEN Island practiced firing with live ammunition at USTROW firing range at the end of August and the beginning of September. [redacted] while visiting the island in the middle of September, Marshal S.K. Timoshenko also inspected the components of this brigade. His appearance there tends to indicate that in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the White Russian ND, he may also have certain powers regarding the command and inspection of Soviet forces in Eastern Germany.

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Fall Maneuvers.

11. Large-scale field exercises closing the 1952 summer training began in the middle of September which is two to four weeks earlier than in the preceding years. Individual phases of the exercises lasted about 1 October, when the troops subsequently returned to their military posts. 25X1 However, it is reasonable to assume that other fall maneuvers will be conducted after 10 October, involving only those units which have hitherto not participated in this year maneuvers.

a. Third Gds Ncz Army.

Components of the 35th Engr Rgt (US) of the army were transferred from SPANDENBERG to BITTKAU on 15 September. See paragraph 9. After [redacted] about 17 September, exercises were conducted in this area [redacted] involved other [redacted] 25X1 components of the army whose arrival in this area was not [redacted] 25X1 A bridge was constructed over the Elbe River near SANDWIRTH during the exercise in which air force units also participated. The departure of individual units of the 7th Gds Tank Div on 22 September from the HENTZIN railroad station makes it appear possible that divisional components from LUELLEWATH participated in the maneuver which is believed to have terminated about that time. The subject of the maneuver presumably was an attack from west to east with river crossing.

b. Fourth Gds Ncz Army.

After 21 September, elements of the Fourth Gds Ncz Army, including major elements of the 6th Gds Ncz Div and 63d AA Div (US) started departing by rail from the WILPLIN troop training grounds toward the southwest via COLDENBERG. The bulk of the shipments was unloaded at the SCHLICH railroad station near KETTEN from where the units proceeded to the training area south of RATHENOW-INSERHAUSEN, apparently by road. Units of the 10th Gds Tank Div arrived in the RATHENOW area by rail. These units, supported by elements of the IV Arty Corps, fighter and AA units began field exercises in the area about 22 September. During the course of the maneuver which terminated about 25 September, a bridge was constructed across the Havel River near WILPLIN south of LUELLEWATH. The bridge was used by tanks when attacks were launched from east to west. The subsequent return movement to the ABERS ALDE, BAD FREIHALDE and WILHAU military posts lasted until 28 September.

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c. Third Shock Army. All units of the Third Shock Army began to assemble by road and rail between 12 and 20 September. The movement lasted until 29 September and most of its shipments were identified as they passed through PEILZBERG in a southerly and southeasterly direction, through STENDAL, and en route on the STENDAL-JAGDWEHR line. The arrival in the area of LETZLING BEATH of elements of the 6th and the 34th Arty Div (MS) from ALTENHAGEN and POTSDAM coincided with this movement. Details on the course of the exercises conducted by these units, are not known. There are indications, however, that the maneuvers were conducted only by combat groups. It is known that the northern and eastern edge of the LETZLING BEATH and, according to troop movements, the area northwest of HATENEN, where river crossings were possibly practiced on the Javel River, were the main training areas. The first units departed by rail and road from the training area on 30 September and on 1 and 2 October and went northward in the direction of PEILZBERG and to the IV Arty Corps posts of LUTTICHEN and PLUMMELITZ.

d. First Gds Rds Rocz Army.

Field exercises of components of the First Gds Rds Rocz Army which had arrived from KOWILOVYCH, began after 20 September, possibly in the LUDWIGSHAFEN MAIN area. Air force units also participated in this maneuver.

Personnel.

12. The exchange of personnel started in the middle of September as had been expected. [REDACTED] several railroad districts 25X1 [REDACTED] transitway, empty trains for troop shipments were to be made available by about 10 September. The first east-bound shipments of troops were observed after 13 September and the first west-bound shipment with troops after 19 September. Up to 2 October, 3 trains with recruits and 4 trains with discharges [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] The exchange program is expected to be continued as further empty rolling stock for shuttle traffic has to be made available.

Transportation.

13. [REDACTED] the traffic situation was normal. After mid-September, the number of railroad cars claimed by the Soviets increased considerably, probably in connection with the large-scale maneuvers held in Eastern Germany at that time.

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14. The coal reserve continued to rise slowly and, on 11 September, was adequate for 13 days' requirements. [REDACTED] a conference of representatives of the SCC and the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, held between 13 and 20 September, that the coal reserve of the East German Railroads was to be increased to 60 days' requirements. The fixed target of 480,000 tons of hard coal and 40,000 tons of brown coal briquettes is to be reached by the end of 1952. The establishment of a coal reserve is not unusual, especially during the winter months. In the winter of 1949/1950, a reserve of 400,000 tons of coal had to be established

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15. Except for local fluctuations, rail traffic through border stations on the Oder-Neisse line remained normal, special transportation operations included:

- The vehicle replacement program under way since mid-February 1952.
- The return of former German freight cars re-purchased from the U.S.S.R. by the East German railroad administration.
- The shipment to Eastern Germany of tanks, armored scout cars, rocket launchers, and armored personnel carriers. From the places to which these shipments were dispatched it was concluded that most of this equipment was consigned to the VP.

16. Railroad Construction Projects.

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a. Work was continued on the railroad construction projects [redacted]. Because of a shortage of labor and construction materials, the completion dates fixed for the individual projects could not always be kept. Thus, for instance, the completion date for the Nordring BERLIN had to be postponed from 15 to 30 September.

b. In early September, work on the reconstruction of the railroad viaduct over the Neisse River near GÖRLITZ was started. The reconstruction of this viaduct would open a seventh border crossing point on the Oder-Neisse line. GÖRLITZ is on the modern LĘBĘG-CHŁOCOW-Upper Silesia-HIRSCHBERG-DRÜSEN railroad line, which is of the greatest importance for coal shipments from Upper Silesia. In the event of an increase of Soviet transit traffic through Poland, this line could be used to ease the strain on the other transit lines.

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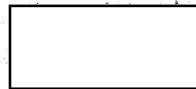
[redacted] supply, emphasis was centered on the vehicle exchange program and the shipment of equipment for VP units. From February to 21 September 1952, a total of 10,173 new vehicles was shipped to Germany, while 8,315 used vehicles were returned to the U.S.S.R. The number of new vehicles delivered by the U.S.S.R. now equals about 20 percent of the total vehicle equipment of Soviet troop units stationed in Eastern Germany. An unusually large number of tanks and other equipment was delivered to the VP during the period from early August to mid-September. Most of the equipment was sent to eastern Mecklenburg. From late April to about mid-September, about 1,300 guns of all calibers, 800 tanks and SP guns in addition to 150 armored scout cars and armored personnel carriers were shipped from the U.S.S.R. to Eastern Germany. The two supply programs caused most of the increase in the volume of rail supply shipments from the U.S.S.R., so that it rose from a monthly average of about 1,000 carloads to 2,700 carloads in August 1952. The shipments included 1,161 flatcars with vehicles, 267 flatcars with tanks, and 253 flatcars with artillery pieces. These operations also affected interzonal supply traffic, however, in other respects it was normal. A total of 476 carloads of ammunition, 334 of which were consigned to the VP, were the first sizable ammunition shipments observed since May 1952.

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18. General Information on Supply Installations.

- a. The Main Clothing Depot of the GORF, [] was transferred from BERNAU to FRANKFURT/Oder, and allegedly occupied a construction material depot of the Kesch in mid-September. See also paragraph 3f. 25X1
- b. The tank repair shop, [] at WUENSDORF, is subordinate to the GORF, as it overhauls 30 tanks per month. It has the same capacity at the tank repair shop, [] 25X1
- c. The 65th Motor Trans Regt of the GORF, [] in POTSDAM-WILDPARK, allegedly received 120 tank trucks from the Ifa Plant, LEIPZIG, in July 1952. It must therefore be expected that a tank truck column with a capacity of 350 to 400 cubic meters will be activated with this supply regiment. 25X1

German Volkspolizei.19. Armeegruppe Nord.

About the beginning of August 1952, a center of activation was formed in northeastern Germany under the supervision of a high-echelon VP headquarters [] as Armeegruppe Nord. This unit included at least two divisions each in the areas of AGGEMIN-TORGELOW and PRORA on Ruegen Island, and troops. Most of the troops are stationed in the PRERAU-PASEWALK-WIGESIN-TORGELOW area. The assignment to the Armeegruppe Nord of the newly activated cadre division PINKOW, which has at present a strength of about 3,000 men, and of the cadre division ROSTOCK has not been definitely proved but appears possible. The filling up of the Armeegruppe Nord with personnel from other cadre units during the period from the end of July until the end of August coincided with the equipping of this units with arms and other items which, however, continued in September. It appears that the delivery of arms decreased after mid-September, while the shipments of motor vehicles and prime movers from German and Russian firms continued to arrive.

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The Armeegruppe Nord is believed to have a present total strength of at least 50,000 men, and about 300 tanks and SP guns. About 400 tanks and SP guns were issued to the units in the AGGEMIN-TORGELOW area and the remainder to the units in PRORA on Ruegen Island. All arms consigned to the VP by the Soviets are shipped to PRERAU from where they are distributed to the individual units. []

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[] two mechanized divisions and two motorized rifle divisions are in existence in the Armeegruppe Nord and PINKOW and ROSTOCK areas. The training of units was delayed as a large percentage of the VP is committed to the construction of winterized quarters.

20. Other Areas. Since 10 September, 51 tanks have been issued by the tank distribution point of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei (KVP) to ROSTOCK and 57 tanks to the southern area of Eastern Germany. This might be the beginning of an equipment program for further cadre units of the KVP. No information indicating that the units have been fitted up to strength has been obtained. [] in addition to Armeegruppe Nord, two other Armeegruppen will be formed, namely Armeegruppe Nette with the headquarters presumably in BRIELENBURG, and Armeegruppe Sud with the headquarters presumably in LUDWIGSHAFEN or Thuringia. Of special interest were observations indicating that several cadre units are apparently being dissolved as, for example, those in LEWISLAUSSEN, ZEITLAHN, and ZITTAU, and also the amalgamation of the two divisions in QUEDLINBURG and DRESDEN into one division in DRESDEN and the amalgamation of the two divisions in LEIPZIG I and II into one division in LEIPZIG.

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Although it is still too early to draw definite conclusions from these observations, there is a possibility that only about 16 KVP divisions rather than 24 will be activated. This would mean that six divisions each would be assigned to Armeegruppe Nord, Armeegruppe Mitte, and Armeegruppe Sud. The officers' academy of the KVP was transferred from DUESSEN-KOENIGSTEDT to LUDWIGSHafen-KIRCH at the beginning of September. A short time later, the cadre division GULDENBURG was transferred to DUESSEN-KOENIGSTEDT.

21. Ministry for National Forces.

At the beginning of September, the ministry exchanged its quarters on Glinkastrasse, BERLIN, with those of the Bureau for Economic Affairs on Schmollerstrasse, [redacted]

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[redacted] in August as compared to that in June and July. The personnel strength increased from 150 persons at the beginning of August to 1,200 persons at the end of September. [redacted]

[redacted] Several key officers of the former NVA were reassigned to the Ministry for National Forces, which, though it attempts to conceal its military character is unable to do so.

22. Summary.

The activation of the so-called National Forces from the KVP progressed rapidly during September. However, no large units are ready for commitment, as the units are not completely motorized and the status of training is still insufficient.

AUSTRIA.Order of Battle.

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a signal regiment of the Central Group of Forces, [redacted] ST. POELTEN, until 5 August;

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44th Gds Inf Regt, [redacted] VIENNA, until 12 July;

106th Gds Av SP Regt, [redacted] MAGRAN, until 10 June;

32d Gds How Arty Regt, [redacted] RAIS ROSTENBRUCH, until 17 March;

Hq 95th Gds Inf Rifle Div, [redacted] ST. POELTEN, until 21 May;

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284th Gds Inf Rifle Regt, [redacted] BISSENSTADT, until 13 July;

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An AAA regiment of the 23d AAA Div, [redacted] STOCKRAU, until 23 June;

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There are indications that the 23d AAA Div has been assigned a fifth AAA regiment which is presumably stationed in STOCKRAU.

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[redacted] some Soviet AA units stationed in Hungary practiced at the APMTLON firing range in September.

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Exchange of Personnel.

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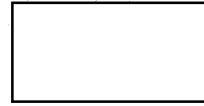
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Present Location of Divisions and Independent Unitsin Eastern Germany

(Last date of confirmation in parenthesis; some of the dates do not correspond with that in the report as the Annex was completed on 7 October).

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
COFG	6th Arty Div	the bulk at ALTENGRABOW (until 18 September); after 18 September, participating in exercises of the Third Shock Army and Fourth Gds Mocz Army.
	34th Arty Div (US)	two brigades at ALTENGRABOW (until 18 September); after 18 September, participating in field exercises of the Third Shock Army and Fourth Gds Mocz Army; on 21 and 22 September, transfer from POTSDAM for exercises of the Third Shock Army on 7 trains of one of the brigades; on 4 October, unloading of a shipment of the division at DESSAU.
	4th AT Arty Brig (US)	in the eastern part of Ruegen Island (September); elements in WUSTROW by rotation (mid-August until 6 September).
	25th RL Brig	9 to 20 August, elements in KOENIGSBRUECK; 10 to 13 September, elements possibly at ALTENGRABOW; after 20 September, participating in field exercises.
	2d Gds AAA Div	elements at WUSTROW until 12 September; presumably at the post after mid-September.
	6th Gds AAA Div (US)	elements in WUSTROW until 10 September; elements at KOENIGSBRUECK (8 and 9 September); the bulk is carried in the post after mid-September.
	32d AAA Div (US)	elements in WUSTROW until 12 August; the division was at its posts until 15 September, elements possibly engaged in Second-Gds-Mocz-Army exercises from 16 to 19 September.
	U/I Engr Regt	until 14 September and after 23 September in the AKEN area; the regiment presumably engaged in exercises in the PREMNITZ area from 14 to 23 September; elements also in BERNBURG after 23 September.
	36th Pion Bridge Regt	presumably in the area east of ROSSLAU (15 September).

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Eighth Gds Army	13th AAA Div	the military posts were only lightly occupied (15 September); elements in LUSTROW until 13 September; other elements possibly at army training grounds.
	43d Gds Army Arty Brig	presumably transferred from ALTENGRABOW to CRAWINKEL on 6 October 1952.
	38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig	elements presumably transferred to OHRDRUF on 9 September.
	220th Hv Tank SP Regt	elements presumably at LETZLING HEATH at the end of August; elements engaged in exercises with units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in PLAUM at the end of August; elements in the post prior to 27 September; transfer from GLAUCHAU expected on 6 October.
	19th Gds Engr Bn	presumably in BAD KORSEN until 29 September; subsequent transfer toward NEUNBURG.
	Arty Brig /XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps	the bulk at OHRDRUF; transfer to GERA of first shipments on 1 October.
	316th RL Regt (US)	elements in ALTENGRABOW from 6 to 10 September.
	860th Engr Bn	presumably still in the area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in September.
	39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	the bulk of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt until 31 August 1952, and other elements of the division including the 87th Gun Arty Regt until 19 September at OHRDRUF; elements of the division, including the 15th Gds Tank SP Regt for short-term exercises in LOSSA from OHRDRUF.
	20th Gds Mecz Div	elements of the 24th RL Bn (US) in ALTENGRABOW from 30 August to 9 September; elements of the 68th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt in LETZLING HEATH from 14 to 18 September; the bulk of the 33th Tank Regt (US) returned to ZEITZ.
	Arty Brig/XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps	elements of the brigade from LOSSA to KINDEL on 30 August.
	94th RL Regt (US)	elements in ALTENGRABOW from 4 to 9 September.

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	498th AAA Regt (US)	in KINDEL (12 September).
	Engr Bn/XXIX Gds Mtz R,ifle Corps	presumably in BAD KONSEN (September).
	57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	the bulk at KINDEL (mid-September) elements of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt transferred to LETZLING HEATH on 27 September.
	21st Gds Mecz Div	the bulk in LOSSA (mid-September) elements of the 25th RI Bn (US) in ALTENGRABOW from 1 to 6 September; other elements of the division including units of the 68th Gds Mecz Regt and of the 54th Gds How Art Regt in OHRDRUF between 5 and 10 September.
	U/I Engr units of the Eighth Gds Army	transferred from BAD KONSEN toward an easterly direction on 29 September.
Third Shock Army	3d Gds AAA Div	elements transferred from WUSTROW until 11 September; loading of elements in MACDEBURG for exercises of the Third Shock Army on 20 and 21 September.
	44th Army Arty Brig	the bulk presumably still in ALTENGRABOW until mid-September; subsequent transfer to exercises of the Third Shock Army.
	3d Gds Army AT Arty Brig	elements returned to BRANDENEURG at the end of September.
	136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	elements returned to BURG on 25 and 27 Sep- tember.
	15 Gds Engr Bn	presumably in BITTKAU until early September.
	4th Gds AT Arty Brig (US)	elements presumably transferred from SCHWERIN for exercises on 18 September.
	AAA Regt/IX Mtz Rifle Corps	elements presumably returned from WUSTROW on 17 September.
	10th Gds RL Regt	transferred for exercises of the Third Shock Army after 18 September.
	Engr Bn/IX Mtz Rifle Corps	presumably in BITTKAU until early September.

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
94th Gds Mtc Rifle Div	elements of the 74th Tank SP Rgt in L. TÖLING HEATH in early September; the bulk of the division at Third Shock Army exercises from 18 to 30 September.	
18th Mecz Div	AAA units in WUSTROW until 22 August; the bulk of the division transferred to Third Shock Army exercises after 19 September; return to PERLEBERG on 30 September.	
Arty Brig/LXXIX Mtc Rifle Corps	in ROSTOCK (September).	
AAA Rgt/LXXIX Mtc Rifle Corps	elements returned from WUSTROW on 14 September; elements transferred to Third Shock Army exercises on 20 September.	
890th Engr Bn	elements possibly returned to GARDINGEN on 3 October.	
207th Mtc Rifle Div	the bulk of the division engaged in Third Shock Army exercises after 18 September.	
19th Gds Mecz Div	elements of the division engaged in Third Shock Army exercises, presumably since 18 September.	
First Gds Mecz Army	4th Gds AAA Div	elements returned from WUSTROW on 14 September; other elements presumably transferred to the CHIMNITZ-ZWICKAU area on 15 September.
8th Gds Mecz Div		the bulk in KOENIGSBRUECK (end of September); arrival in WURZEN and LEISNIG of advance details after 15 September.
9th Tank Div		presumably in ZEITHAIN (September).
11th Gds Tank Div		the bulk in KOENIGSBRUECK (end of September); unloading in MEISSEN of elements of the division about 20 September.
It is possible that units of the army were holding field exercises in the MEISSEN-GROSSENHAIN area after about 20 September.		
Second Gds Mecz Army	31st AAA Div	elements of the division returned from WUSTROW on 9 September.

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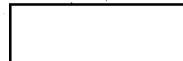
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	2d Light Arty Brig	the bulk transferred to the new quarters in Olympisches Dorf, DOEBERITZ, from the GRANZIN area about 1 st September; elements in the JUETERBOG area from 24 to 27 September.
	90th RL Regt (US)	elements in the JUETERBOG area from 24 to 28 September.
	army engr units	elements transferred for practice of the Second Gds Mecz Army in the area north of RATHENOW from 16 to 19 September.
	9th Gds Tank Div	exercises in the area of ROTENFURG from 8 to 11 August; tank unit possibly in LENTZLING HUATH at the beginning of September; elements of the division at exercises in the DOEBERITZ area from 16 to 18 September and in the area north of RATHENOW from 16 to 19 September; at exercises in the area of RHEINSLEGEN-MIRON from 23 to 26 September.
	12th Gds Tank Div	engaged in exercises in the DOEBERITZ area and north of RATHENOW as the 9th Gds Tank Div; elements at exercises north and south of NEURUPPIN in September by process of rotation.
	1st Mecz Div	engaged in exercises in the area of DOEBERITZ and north of RATHENOW with the 9th Gds Tank Div; tank units in the ILLUSTRITZ area until 16 September; tank unit in the JUETERBOG area from 24 to 28 September and mortar unit there after 6 October.
Third Gds Mecz Army	62d AAA Div (US)	the bulk presumably in the post in September.
	199th Light Arty Brig	the bulk in new quarters in JUETERBOG-Neues Lager (mid-September).
	91st Gds RL Regt	rotated units for practice in the JUETERBOG area in September.
	35th Engr Rgt (US)	50 percent of the regiment in the WITTENBERG area and the other 50 percent in BITTKAU, after 15 September.
	14th Gds Mecz Div	at the post (September); elements of the division for practices in the area southeast of JUETERBOG from 16 to 19 September.

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	9th Mecz Div	artillery units in the JUETERBOG area in late August and at the beginning of September; the bulk at WILSSASSER (until 1 October).
	6th Gds Tank Div	elements returned to JUETERBOG-Altes Lager from WURDER-MARKENDORF in the first half of September; the bulk of the division transferred to WITTENBERG after 4 October.
	7th Gds Tank Div	departure from LETZLING HEATH after about 20 September of elements of the division including the 79th Gds Hv Tank Regt which conducted another small-scale exercise after being unloaded in DESSAU; other elements of the division possibly participated in exercises north of MAGDEBURG after 20 September.
Fourth Gds Mecz Army	63d AAA Div (US)	elements returned to FUNKSTEN ALDE from WUSTROW on 12 September; elements engaged in exercises in the RATHENOW area from about 20 to 25 September.
	11th (?) Gds AT Arty Brig	arrival in the new quarters in BIELEFELD of the first shipments of the brigade from DRESDEN and TIMPLIN (after 15 September).
	312th Gds RL Regt	elements in LIEBEROSE from 9 to 13 September; elements at practices in the RATHENOW area from about 20 to 25 September.
	6th Gds Mecz Div	elements at exercises in the RATHENOW area from about 20 to 25 September; departure to the posts from the TETZEN TROOP TRAINING GROUNDS of other elements at the same time; the bulk of the division at the posts about 10 October.
	7th Gds Mecz Div	in LIEBEROSE (end of September).
	10th Gds Tank Div	beginning of transfer from LETZLING HEATH to exercises in the RATHENOW area (after 20 September); the bulk of the division was in the posts on 1 October.
	25th Tank Div	in TIMPLIN (late September) after 2 October, departure of elements of the division from TIMPLIN to exercises in the RATHENOW area.

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